

The Edison Light Bulb

Learn about Taiwan

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Taiwan is a very small country. It is beside China. It is in Pacific Ocean. The area of Taiwan is 35,980 km², and the area of Oregon is 255,026 km². Oregon is 7 times bigger than Taiwan! There are lots of mountains in Taiwan. Taiwan's highest mountain, Jade Mountain, is 3,952 meters(m) and Oregon's highest mountain, Mt. Hood, is 3,426m. Taiwan is hot, but it is cold in the mountains. Can you imagine that there are 22,920,946 people live in Taiwan, this tiny country? Oregon has only 3,790,060 people.

Taiwanese school starts at 7:50 AM to 3:55 PM. Wednesday starts from 7:50 AM to 12:00 PM. Taiwanese school has many more classes than Edison. You need to be very hard working if you want to get 100% on your quizzes. There is a big quiz in the middle of a semester and a big quiz at the end of the semester. The school will test Math, Chinese, English, Science, and Social Studies. I think Science is the hardest. It is hard to get 90% or up. I always get 90% or up in all of the tests, except Science. The last test in last semester I got 86% on science, 97% on Chinese, 99.5% on English, 95% on Social Studies, and 100% on Math. I studied about a week before the test. It was so hard! Our homeroom teacher teaches us Chinese, Math, and Reading. Every class time is 40 minutes, every 40 minutes has 10 minutes recess, but usually we don't get any recess because we need to go to other classes. Taiwanese school's hot lunch is all you can eat. The price is 1.60 U.S. dollars. The hot lunch has rice, meat, vegetables, soup, and fruit. It is good. Our lunch time is from 12:00 PM to 12:35 PM. We don't have lunch recess, because it is not good for your stomach. We eat lunch in class. We have sleeping from 12:40 to 1:20. I don't like to go to computer class because computer is on the fifth floor and our class is on the second floor. We need to climb the stairs 4 floors! Elementary schools in Taiwan have grades 1 to 6; middle schools have grades 7 to 9; high schools have grades 10 to 12. Can you imagine that there are 1,200 students in our school! Edison only has 300 students!



| | Taiwan (Gou Bei Shi Xiao) | America (Edison) |
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| School Hours | 7:50-3:55 (Wed 7:50-12:00) | 8:15-2:35 (Wed 8:15-1:00) |
| Math | 40 mins | 50 mins |
| Reading | 40 mins | 60 mins |
| P.E | 40 mins | 30 mins |
| Computer | 40 mins | 0 mins |
| Chinese | 40 mins | 0 mins |
| Science | 40 mins | 20 mins |
| Taiwanese | 40 mins | 0 mins |
| English | 40 mins | 30 mins |

